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1. The Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield was observed between 4 and 6:20 p.m. on 31 October 1950. Its occupation could not be determined. There was no flying because of ground fog.
2. A radio station was still on the eastern end of the runway. The debris was removed and an earthwall about 1.5 meter high was set up around the station. The radio truck was protected by boards. (1)
3. A large building material dump was on the northern edge of the field, at the intersection of the railroad spur track and the little road to Straguth (M 53/D 00). Mostly round timber and square timber 30 cm in diameter and 5 to 6 meters long was stored there. Tubes with flanges, inner diameter 10 to 15 cm, and eight or ten dumpcars were also in the dump. The construction bureau of Bauunion-Mitte firm was housed in the dump. Individual civilians left the field through the gate at the oil dump about 5 p.m. No body was seen in the building material dump. (2)
4. Between 4 and 6:20 p.m. on 8 November, the field was observed from the south. There was no flying because it began to rain. Four jet fighters were parked in front of the hangar farthest to the south and eight more jet planes farther to the south. At 4:50 p.m., eight jet fighters were pulled toward the southern hangar by a tractor. (3)
5. On 8 November two huts 5x5x3 meters were south of the eastern end of the runway. About 20 German laborers left the construction bureau at the building material depot about 4:30 p.m. The building material depot seemed unchanged. Three holes 3 meters square and about 2 or 3 meters deep were being dug 30 to 60 meters south of the little road. The holes were surrounded by a wooden fence. (5)
6. On 27 September, a radio station with a radio mast which was braced by four insulated guy wires was seen at the fork of the

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Zerbst-Lindau and Zerbst-Deetz roads, southwest of the airfield.
A horizontal metal ring about 15 cm in diameter was at the top
of the mast. No antennae were seen. (6)

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[] Comments.

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- (1) The radio station was previously reported []
[] It is possibly a homing beacon. For location and
layout sketch of radio station, see Annex 1.

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- (2) [] previously reported the presence of a building
material dump and planned construction. []
For sketch, see Annex 1.

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- (3) The aircraft observed represent only a small part of the total
occupation. The field is occupied by two fighter regiments equipped
with about 50 to 60 Mig-15s.
(4) The cabins must have been erected recently as they were not observed
[] before.
(5) Possibly a fuel dump is under construction.
(6) The radio station is reported for the first time. It is possibly a
homing beacon since it is exactly in the extension of the runway.
For sketch of radio mast with insulated guy wires, see Annex 2.

2 Annexes: 2 sketches on ditto.

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